A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is still under consideration.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know when the Government will finish their consideration of this proposal?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am sorry that it is not possible to give a definite answer to that question."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether Government has been able to find out any building in the City and, if so, which building has been found for this purpose?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That is one of the difficulties which the Government now have."

Retrenchment in the Jail department.

* 13 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the full scope and effect of the retrenchment effected by the Government in the Jail department is;

(b) which are the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee that have been accepted and which have not been accepted; and

(c) what the reason is for not accepting the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee, if any?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to tables A, B and C in Appendix III to the report of Madras Retrenchment Committee, 1931–32. The Alipuram Jail, Bellary, has since been closed.

(b) All the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been accepted.

(c) Does not arise.

Desirability of abolishing the post of the test auditor for the Jail department.

* 14 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any test auditor for the Jail department or any section thereof;

(b) if so, what his duties are, and what the pay drawn by him is;

(c) what the travelling allowance drawn by him is during each of the last five years;

(d) what the reason is for there being no independent audit of the accounts of the Jail Department by the General Audit and Accounts Department; and

(e) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Committee have examined the question of abolishing the Test Auditor, and if so, with what result?

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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*e*) Do not arise.

(*d*) There is regular audit of the accounts of the Jail Department conducted by the Accountant-General's Audit staff.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether it is a fact that an officer of the Jail department goes out from jail to jail checking the accounts before the accounts are really submitted to the regular Audit department?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Notice, Sir."

Food-rations supplied to 'B' class prisoners in Vellore jail.

* 15 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to any complaint from 'B' class prisoners in the Vellore Central Jail regarding the food-rations supplied to them?

A.—No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know if the hon. the Law Member has not received any complaint with regard to the rations supplied to B class prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether these prisoners are being allowed butter-milk?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes, it is not butter-milk but curds."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether one prisoner, Dr. Lakshmidevamma, complained about the food given?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Was any petition submitted to the hon. the Law Member about it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I do not remember."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"Will the Government make an enquiry in the matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"If my hon. Friend, Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, says there is a petition, I shall enquire."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Will B class prisoners be allowed to get what are necessary in the interests of their health according to the advice of the medical officer, at least with their own money?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No."